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1. Since 5 Jul 53, the Rumanian railroad line Buzias-Gataia has been closed to civilian traffic. For army purposes a spur line runs from Gataia to Tormac and from Buzias in the opposite direction to Nitchidorf.
2. On 7 Jul 53 there were observed in Gataia station two large cranes mounted on railroad cars and 12 carloads of bridge-building material, including girders and stringers.
3. A Soviet transport command has been established in the first and second class waiting rooms in the Gataia station.
4. The Rumanian railroad personnel in Gataia has been dismissed and replaced by Russians. Even the maintenance personnel is now Russian. Rumanian personnel do not know what kind of work is going on. Rumanian peasants from Tormac, who come to deliver grain at Gataia, are very silent.
5. It is possible that a new airfield is being built in the area Tormac-Nitchidorf. Soviet air personnel conducted many surveys in this area in the spring of 1953, and peasants in the area received the order not to plough up their fields after the harvest.
6. At Calnic Airfield there is now the 1st Battalion of the 7th Rumanian AA Regiment, with three companies. Formerly, this battalion had only one company, while two other companies were attached to the 2nd Battalion at Brebul. There was an epidemic in these two companies, and later they were attached to the 1st Battalion.
7. The Brebul companies were reorganized with new men, and the 2nd Battalion is now at that place. The 3rd Battalion is at Boosa-Montana.
8. Each company in the 7th AA Regiment is equipped with four 45 mm guns, and each battalion has four machine guns on twin mounts. The current strength of each battalion is 250 to 300 men, belonging to the classes 1926 to 1929.

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